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SUBJECT: "GUARDIAN" ARTICLE ON RICHARDSON-READ MEETING

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 02552, (B) MCCOY-O'MAHONEY TELECON
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1. GUARDIAN ARTICLE IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS. MEETING
WAS INITIATED AT THE REQUEST OF GOTT AMBASSADOR MCINTYREWHO
INSISTED THAT DELEGATION MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
AT QUOTE THE HIGHEST LEVEL UNQUOTE. MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS
PLANS OF GOTT TO PURCHASE A BUILDING IN NEW YORK TO HOUSE
THEIR UN MISSION, CONSULATE GENERAL, INDUSTRIAL TRADE
CORPORATION AND OTHER OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL BODIES
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OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN NEW YORK. THE DELEGATION
INDICATED THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THEIR MEETING WAS TO
ASCERTAIN THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF OWNING PROPERTY,
PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND THE
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCRUING TO THE PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS OFFICES.

2. MEETING WAS VERY AMICABLE. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY READ DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS USG POLICY ON ACQUISITION BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OF PROPERTY. HE NOTED PENDING LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD BRING THE USG IN

HARMONY WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION. HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE GOT IN THEIR PROJECT.

3. DELEGATION LATER MET WITH ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR LIAISON RICHARD GOOKIN AND A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF TO DISCUSS MORE SPECIFICALLY QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND TAXATION OF PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. AT THIS MEETING IT BECAME APPARENT THAT GOT DESIRED MEETING TO DETERMINE WHETHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (IDC) OFFICES AND PERSONNEL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TAXATION. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDSON INFORMED GOOKIN THAT ELDON WARNER, DIRECTOR OF THE IDC AND A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE PROJECT DIRECTOR. GOOKIN REFERRED THE DELEGATION TO OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK CITY AND AT OUR USUN MISSION WHO COULD ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS AND OFFER ADVICE.

4. NO REPEAT NO MENTION WAS MADE IN EITHER OF THE MEETINGS OF DRUGS OR FIREARMS CONTROL. A MEMORANDUM INCORPORATING ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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